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Application No.: 09/615,978

Group Art Unit: 3761

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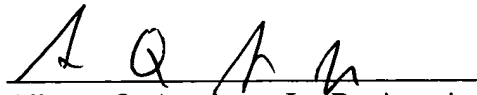
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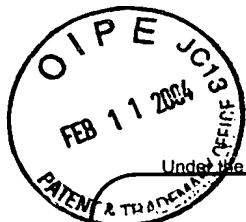
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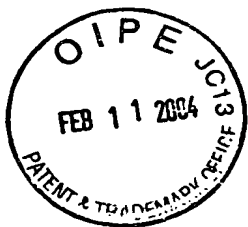
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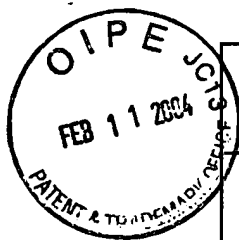
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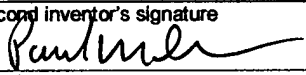
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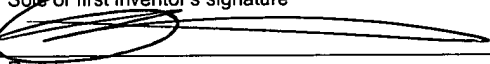
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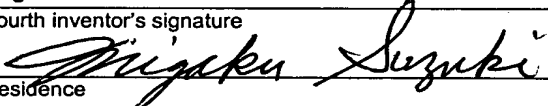
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